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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1883.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [296]

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GENERAL NOTICE.

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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at  
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

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CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00  
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RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents. [83]

THE Underwritten have been appointed  
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD  
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN  
SHIPPING.

Agents.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

## Intimations.

WANTED.

A SITUATION as CLERK, BOOK-  
KEEPER, or GENERAL ASSISTANT,  
by a young man who has had ten years experience  
in China and Japan. Speaks French, English,  
German, Italian and Japanese. Moderate Sal-  
ary required. First-class references.

Apply to

care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1883. [139]

LOST.

AT the RACECOURSE on SATURDAY,  
January 27th a RACE GLASS. The  
Finder will be Rewarded on RETURNING the  
same to

care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1883. [121]

## Auctions.

HORSE AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., will hold an  
Auction, of  
HORSES AND CARRIAGES,  
TO-MORROW,  
the 28th instant, at FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., at the  
Fountain opposite the City Hall (by Permission  
of the CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.)  
Particulars of Lots to be included, should be  
sent to the Auctioneers as soon as possible.  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1883. [156]

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOOD-  
WILL and STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P.  
MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong  
Hotel, I trust to meet the same Patronage so  
liberally Bestowed upon my Predecessor.  
J. P. MARMANDE.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

## To be Let.

TO LET,  
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

FOUR LARGE ROOMS in Blue Buildings,  
Wanchai, (opposite the Long Pier) lately  
occupied by Mr. H. JOYCE.  
Apply to  
H. H.  
Care of Messrs. SAYLE & Co.  
Hongkong, 29th January, 1883. [103]

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.  
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.  
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
No. 10, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.  
Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [17]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 ROOMS)  
in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas  
and Water laid on; and immediate possession  
can be had.  
For Particulars apply to  
D. NOWROJEE,  
Hongkong Hotel. [18]

## For Sale.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS  
AND  
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,  
PRAYA CENTRAL.

HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS.  
PICKS.

AXES.

ENGINEERS' & HOUSEHOLD HAMMERS.  
PATENT BIT-BRACES.

AUGER-BITS.

DRILLS.

GIMBLETS.

SQUARES.

PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS &  
CHEST LOCKS.

MRS. POTT'S PATENT SADIRONS,  
COOKING STOVES.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS' USE.  
DRILLING MACHINES.

BREAST DRILLS, AUTOM. BORING  
TOOLS.

ANVILS, VICES, AND DRILLS COMBINED.  
ANVILS.

VICES.

HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS.

GLASS CUTTERS.

SCROLL SAWS.

FAMILY GRINDSTONES.

BLACKSMITHS' BELLOWES.

Best WHITWORTH'S STOCK AND DIES.  
SCREW WRENCHES.

PLANE IRONS.

CHISELS.

HAMMERS.

PINCERS.

NIPPERS.

DIVIDERS.

RULES.

METAL SCISSORS.

METAL SAWS.

TUBE EXPANDERS.

OIL-FEEDERS.

OIL-CANS.

SALTER'S SPRING BALANCE SCALES.

WESTON'S PATENT TACKLES.

## Intimations.

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE VARIETY  
OF  
FRENCH AND ENGLISH TWEEDS.

GENTLEMEN'S SUITINGS

CASHMERE AND ANGOLA NOVELTIES

ALL OF WHICH ARE SHIRRED READY FOR MAKING UP.

GENTLEMEN'S FELT HATS (Christie's) the latest shapes.

WHITE AND COLOURED SHIRTS.

LINEN COLLARS AND FANCY SCARVES.

GENTLEMEN'S 4 HOSE in great variety.

UNDERSHIRTS in Balbriggan, Merino, Cashmere and Lambswool.

GENTLEMEN'S KID GLOVES 2 BUTTONS.

UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

DRESS GOODS IN CASHMERE, FANCY WOOL AND OTHER TEXTURES.

BROCADED GAUZE AND GRENADINES.

CASHMERE EMBROIDERED COSTUMES.

BRAIDED JACKETS, CLOTH MANTLES.

RICH BROCADED SILKS.

COLOURED BROCADED SILKS AND MOIRÉS.

LACES, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, SASHES, LACE FISHUS, COLLARS, &c.

LADIES' KID GLOVES 2, 4, 6, 8, AND 12 BUTTONS.

FANCY JET GOODS in endless variety.

LADIES' AND GENTS' CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING.

HOSIERY AND CORSETS.

HABERDASHERY, UMBRELLAS, AND SUNSHADES.

&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1883. [379]

W. B. BREWER.

WILL LAND EX "OCEANIC."

HERBERT Spencer's Works Complete.

Stanley's Jewish Church.

Grey's Enigmas of Life.

Grey's Creed of Christianity.

Locky's History of Morals.

Warren's Household Physician.

Bryant and Stratton's Book-keeping.

Lubbock's History of Civilization.

Danc's Manual of Mineralogy.

National Religion by the Author of Ecce Homo.

KINNEY BRS CIGARETTES; SWEET CAPORAL AND OTHER BRANDS.

THE AUTOPHONE is the instrument that all can play and all the newest music of the day.

THE BEATY "BEETHOVEN" ORGANS with 20 Stops; Manificent Instruments; Very Cheap.

The finest collection of PHOTOGRAPHS ever shown in the East, real works of Art which

should be early inspected. An entirely new collection of elegantly designed

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Zola's Novels! Reynolds' Novels! Spoonendyke! Popular Medical Books!

W. BREWER,

QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED.

THE FOLLOWING MUSIC EX STEAMSHIP

"GLENEAGLES"—

Les Sirenes—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.

My Queen—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.

Messenger of Love—Valse, by C. Coote Jr.

Dolores Valse—by E. Waldteufel.

Officers' Valse—by C. Coote Jr.

Le Premier Pas—Polka, by C. Coote Jr.

Trial by Jury—by A. Sullivan.

H.M.S. Pinafore—by A. Sullivan.

Ever of Thee—Song, by Foley Hall.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING ROYAL EDITIONS OF OPERAS, WITH VOCAL AND

PIANOFORTE SCORES, IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN.

Semiramide—by Rossini.

Don Pasquale—by Donizetti.

Lucrezia Borgia—by Donizetti.

L'Elisir d'Amore—by Donizetti.

La Favorita—by Donizetti.

Masaniello—by Verdi.

La Sonnambula—by Bellini.

Norma—by Bellini.

Il Barbiere—by Rossini.

I Puritani—by Bellini.

Le Premier Pas—Polka, by C. Coote Jr.

Trial by Jury—by A. Sullivan.

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## Amusements.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

THE 28TH INSTANT.

THE LAST AND FAREWELL  
APPEARANCE OF THE COMPANY,  
IN HONGKONG.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
SIGNORA LUBICCI

AND  
SIGNOR CATTANEO.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1.—Romanza 3rd Act Aida.....VERDI.

SIGNORA LUBICCI.

2.—Grand Duo "Favorita".....DONIZETTI.

SIGNORA SILINI.

3.—Grand Aria from "Linda".....DONIZETTI.

SIGNORA BERTOLINI.

4.—Aria from "Barbieri di Siviglia".....ROSSINI.

SIGNORA SILINI.

5.—Grand Overture to Concerto.....CATTANEO.

SIGNOR CATTANEO.

6.—Ballad "Where's my Win-  
dow".....OSBORNE.

SIGNORA LUBICCI.

PART II.

7.—Grand Aria Finale of the Opera  
"Le Roi de Lahore".....MASSENET.

SIGNORA LUBICCI.

8.—Grand Fantasia on the Piano-forte.

SIGNOR CATTANEO.

9.—Spanish Song, in Costume.

SIGNORA SILINI.

10.—Romanza "Don Sebastiano".....DONIZETTI.

SIGNOR CIOCCI.

11.—La Piccola from "Salvatore".....COMES.

SIGNORA BERTOLINI.

12.—Grand Duo "I Pescatori".....GARUCCI.

SIGNORA LUBICCI AND SIGNOR CIOCCI.

Seats may be booked at Messrs. KELLY &  
WALSH'S, where a Plan of the Theatre is now on  
view.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. [157]

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE MEMBERS WILL PERFORM  
BARNETT'S CANTATA

"THE ANCIENT MARINER,"

IN  
ST. ANDREW'S HALL:

CITY HALL

ON  
WEDNESDAY,

THE 7TH MARCH, AT NINE P.M.

Members of the String Band of the Buffs will  
(by kind permission) compose the Orchestra.

TICKETS—(Price \$2 Each) may be obtained at  
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s after 11 A.M.,  
on THURSDAY, March 1st, (and at the Door  
of the Hall on the Night of Performance) where  
a plan of Seats may be seen, and books of the  
words purchased by Ticket Holders at 20 Cents  
per Copy.

R. G. ALFORD,  
Hon. Secretary. [158]

Hongkong, 26th February, 1883.

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1883-84.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be  
received by the Undersigned, until NOON,  
on THURSDAY, the 8th proximo, from Persons  
desirous of supplying the following Articles for  
the use of H.M. Navy for the year 1883-84,  
viz.:

BISCUIT.

SOFT BREAD.

FRESH BEEF.

FRESH VEGETA-  
BLES.

FRESH POTATOES.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further Particu-  
lars can be obtained at the NAVAL STORE-  
KEEPER'S OFFICE.

The right to reject the lowest, or any Tender  
is reserved.

WILLIAM HYNES,  
Officer Performing Storekeeping Duties.

H.M. VICTUALLING YARD,  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. [160]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-Y



## Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.  
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL  
SELECTED STOCK OF  
FANCY CHRISTMAS  
GOODS,COMPRISING—  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS  
IN GREAT VARIETY.

SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.

CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.

CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.

IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES.

SCIENTIFIC TOYS.

ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S  
PERFUMES.

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS,  
AND

PERFUMERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

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Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish the Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

## BIRTH.

On the 8th January, at High-street House, LANCASTER, the wife of Captain Michaelson, 1st Battalion Royal Infantry Fusiliers, of a son.

## DEATH.

On the 13th January, at Burnt Ash-hill, Lee, Kent, NELLIE, youngest daughter of John C. Almond (P. and O. S. N. Co.), aged 20.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1883.

His Honor the Chief Justice, the gentlemen of the long robe, and that wonderful combination of independence, intellect and intelligence—the libel case jury, will no doubt be glad to hear that their estimable friend, DANIEL EDWARD BANDMANN has again been on the war-path, distinguishing himself as of yore. The "pride of the profession," who, it must never be forgotten, made Shakespeare famous and was acquitted of the charge of assaulting poor Mrs. Rousay, has been displaying in Calcutta those wonderful talents and idiosyncrasies which created such a sensation during his Chinese campaign last year. It is an easy step from the dramatic art to the world of literature for such a heaven born genius as "mein dear vren Trompet-blower." Believing with Disraeli that although action may not always bring happiness, yet without action there can be no happiness, the author of "Drago Bower" is certainly to be complimented for the wonderful energy he displays in everything he undertakes. In the Telegraph libel scandal nobody but a lineal descendant of Shylock would have persevered throughout the law's delays, as the tragedian did, panting for his pound of flesh. And in that instance success crowned his indomitable perseverance and he had reasons for being gloriously triumphant. Mr. BANDMANN has been playing the same game in Calcutta that he scored so heavily with in Hongkong, only with a slightly different result. A few days ago we published some particulars of the tragedian's proceedings in the City of Palaces; we are now in a position to describe the dignified manner in which he bade a last farewell to those palaces and towers, where one short year ago, to use his own expression, he was looked upon as a god.

The *Ente Aile* of January 30th, forwarded to us from Calcutta, by some of our good natured friends, modern Narcisse, deals with Mr. BANDMANN in a fashion which strongly reminds us of our own police invitation to the tragedian to favor us with a call, and to which the gallant

hero responded by seeking such redress as the law affords. Says our contemporary:—

AFTER a perusal of the scurrilous letter that Herr Bandmann sent, as his parting gift, to the *Statesman*, we have come to the conclusion that whatever other charges may be brought against that talented individual, no one can accuse him of being a gentleman. Herr Bandmann must indeed have lost all his self-respect—if he ever possessed any—when he allowed himself to indite an epistle such as we print below:—

HERR BANDMANN'S FAREWELL TO THE "STATESMAN".

The great tragedian took very good care to be some distance down the river on his way to Madras, before the following characteristic epistle was delivered at this office:—

Calcutta, January 29, 1883.  
RICH—I have read your report in this morning's *Rag*—otherwise called the *Statesman*. It was sent to me by one of your friends. I am not surprised over the Billingsgate infamy. Your TREACHERY all along to me, led me to no other expectations from such a JUDAS as you are. You have been, and are still trying to mislead the public and throw dirt upon my good name, and had I time and did I consider it worth the trouble I should put you in *PALE* as I did your confère in Hongkong; and where such curs like you ought to be.

Publish this letter intact if you have the courage. But you have NOT. You can only stab in the dark like a COWARD.

Yours,  
DANIEL EDWARD BANDMANN.

My address is College Hall, Madras. The italics and capitals represent as faithfully as our types can the underlinings of the above letter. We are only sorry that we cannot publish a fac-simile of it.—*Statesman*.

Such, observes *Ente Aile*, is the parting shaft of the man who boasted that he would close all the rival theatres in Calcutta within a month of his arrival. As Herr Bandmann has left us, we shall not dwell further on the subject, lest we should be accused of stabbing him behind his back. We have had our say while he was here to take legal proceedings, as he often boasted he would do. But for once, Herr Bandmann has exercised discretion, in this respect, and we can afford to treat himself, his threatened legal proceedings and his remarks upon the press with the hearty contempt and unmitigated scorn they deserve. We have no hesitation in saying that Herr Bandmann is a blackguard and we sincerely hope that he will carry out his threat of never visiting Calcutta again. If he takes our advice he won't, after his miserable failure this season.

To the above remarks we have nothing to add. We promised our readers many months ago that we would justify every word we wrote about BANDMANN last June, that dreadful offence for which a wise judge consigned us to durance vile for two long, weary months. Our mission has already been almost, if not quite fulfilled. And we will wait and watch.

## TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, February 26th.

## FRENCH POLITICS.

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of Confidence in the Ministry approving of the removal of pretenders from the army.

## WESTMEATH ELECTION.

Mr. Harrington, Secretary to the Land League, has been elected for Westmeath without opposition.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 25th February, were—European 190, Chinese 12,885; total 13,075.

We learn from the Superintendent of the P. and O. S. N. Co. that the *Cathay*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for Hongkong on Saturday, the 24th inst. at 7 a.m.

THE Italian electroplater, Giuseppe Fidone was up again this morning on the charge of stealing jewellery from Beaconsfield House. Prisoner pleaded guilty and said he was sorry for what he had done; however, his being sorry, after the event, did not prevent Mr. Wodehouse sending him to "Hayward's Retreat" for a six months' spell of the usual hard labor.

WE note that the project of the Italian Minister of Public Works for transferring the railways from the State into the hands of private enterprise, that is, to form one large national company, has now been examined by Signor Depretis, who proposes to return to the old conventions, with the modification that two or three companies should be formed, and to them be confided the working of all the railways of the kingdom.

CRICKETING which has been rather at a discount lately, is again beginning to look up. We understand that it is proposed to play a match on Saturday next, March 3rd, between teams representing the Fire Brigade and H. K. C. C. respectively, commencing at 11 a.m. Members desirous of playing for the Club are invited to enter their names in the book kept in the Club ante-room. The Hon. Secretary wishes it to be understood that it does not necessarily follow that the first eleven on the list will be selected, and that the Committee hope some of the new men will come forward and put their names down.

THE annual race ball was held in the City Hall last night, and proved a great success from every point of view. There was a fairly large attendance, although hardly up to the usual average, and amongst others we noticed His Excellency the Administrator and Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Willes, General Sargent, C.B., Admiral Meyer, commander-in-chief of the French squadron, the Hon. P. Ryrie, the Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, a large number of naval and military officers, and most of the leading residents. The decorations, which were on a smaller scale than of late years, had a somewhat depressing effect after the elaborate display at the Masonic and St. Andrew's halls, still they were in good taste, and to our way of thinking far preferable to a more gaudy style of decorative art. The supper was an excellent one, and the general arrangements of a most satisfactory description. The music was supplied by the band of "The Duffs," under the leadership of Mr. H. Quinn. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until about 3 o'clock this morning.

PUBLISHED statistics show that the herring commerce in Great Britain is a considerable one, the herrings captured annually for our use amounting in Scotland, dealing in round numbers, to 1,015,000,000; Ireland, 108,480; Isle of Man, 10,000,000; Northumberland, 27,180,000; Yorkshire, 450,000,000; other English ports, 10,000,000; making a total of 1,620,560,000 of individual fish. The money value of the various fisheries is estimated at upwards of £14,000,000.

THE false Prophet of Soudan, El Mehdi, is the notorious slave dealer Hadji Zecky, who for the last twenty-five years has devastated the whole of Upper Egypt and the greater part of Barbary and Nubia, and who, notwithstanding the efforts of Sir Samuel Baker to capture him, has always contrived to escape. He is enormously wealthy, those who know him saying he is the richest man in Africa, while in courage and cruelty he can hardly be surpassed. He was formerly a slave, and obtained freedom by killing his master.

A GOOD story comes from Geneva concerning a lady and gentleman who recently arrived there and found all the hotels so full that they ultimately were accommodated with a bath-room turned into a bed-chamber. During the night the husband, wishing to call for a light, pulled a cord attached to the wall, under the impression that he had got hold of the bell-rope. The immediate response was a deluge of cold water. Monsieur and madame yelled for help, bringing out a crowd of guests and waiters in all sorts of light and airy costumes. Tableaux!

MRS. FANNY STARMER, a widow, who recently died at a village in Northamptonshire, at the ripe age of ninety-two, must in the latter days of her life have felt very much of a grandmother when she came to receive birthday gifts from her children and their children's children. The good woman, it seems, had in all one hundred and twelve descendants, viz., four children, thirty-seven grandchildren, thirty-seven great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. There is evidently very little fear of the name of Starmar dying out of the land at present.

THE Queen of Great Britain, says an American contemporary, is now sovereign over a continent, 100 peninsulas, 500 promontories, 1,000 lakes, 2,000 rivers, and 10,000 islands. She waves her hand, and 500,000 warriors march to battle to conquer or die. She sends her head, and at the signal 1,000 ships of war and 100,000 sailors perform her bidding on the ocean. She walks upon the earth, and 120,000,000 of human beings feel the slightest pressure of her foot. Come, all ye conquerors, and kneel before the Queen of Britain, and acknowledge the superior extent of her dependent provinces, her subjugated kingdoms, and her vanquished empires! The Assyrian empire was not so populous. The Persian empire was not so powerful. The Carthaginian empire was not so much dreaded. The Spanish empire was not so widely diffused.

SNAKE charming as a pastime is not so generally popular as lawn tennis or cricket; though it certainly is a trifle less dangerous than football as played in some countries. In India snake charming is very fashionable, and many professors of the art are wonderfully clever. Occasionally an amateur tries his hand. This occurred the other day at Puddoospoor. In that charmingly-named village a large-sized cobra was discovered in a shop. The natives were about to destroy it when a villager named Ghose (not goose) came on the scene and undertook to charm it. He had managed to get hold of the reptile's head and tail after the manner of snake-charmers, and was in the act of stowing it away in an earthen vessel, when the snake turned round and bit him in the thumb. Then the man dropped the wriggler, and began to swear in choice Hindoo. This, however, did not help him, for in the space of an hour and a half he was as dead as one of the Pharoahs. Snake-charming, like many other things, requires experience.

OSCAR WILDE has the proud privilege of knowing that his name will be handed down to posterity. The record certainly will not go down to future ages in connection with any noble deeds, but simply as appertaining to a bed quilt. We learn that all the rage in America at the present time is for the "Oscar crazy quilt." The quilt gains its name from the pattern worked upon it. The method of construction is as follows:—On a piece of cambric half a yard square, there is basted in the centre a sunflower, made of either yellow broadcloth, silk, or velvet, or a pailly, a daisy, or pansy of one of the same materials. The square is then filled in with bits of silk and velvet of all colours arranged hither and thither in a sort of artistic confusion of colours. "The bits are of irregular pattern—squares, triangles, jags, and tags. When these have all been fixed up, the squares are taken and sewn together with strips of velvet." So great is the rage for these things that New York young ladies do nothing but work Oscar Wilde quilts. The apostle of æstheticism is a proud and a happy man.

THE usually monotonous proceedings of the York Board of Guardians were enlivened the other day by a little exchange of compliments between two of the members, and if we may judge by the printed reports the meeting must have been thoroughly enjoyable for those present. A certain Mr. Wilson, having made a statement in reference to the overrevenue he was called upon by Mr. Ernest to substantiate it. Thereupon Mr. Wilson spoke as follows:—"I tell you what, Mr. Ernest, I've had a good deal of your 'Impudent' this morning, but I can tell you plain that if you do it outside you'll find yourself in the wrong box. I'm not going to allow him to cheat me here, and therefore the sooner he gives it up the better. If he does it outside, mark you, I'll mark him at once." Then spoke Mr. Ernest:—"I shall not. Mr. Chairman ask for your protection, and if I saw Mr. Wilson attempting to make a blackguard of himself I should very soon walk away from his presence." After this speech, we are told, "the subject dropped," and most people agree that it did not cease a moment too soon. Such oratory is contagious.

HENRY RANDALL, seaman of the British barque *Sir Wm. Wallace*, was charged before Capt. Thomsett this morning with assaulting the second mate of the ship with a belaying pin, on the high seas. The second mate, it appears, was trying to take a broom from a man named Harper, when Randall interfered and a fight ensued. Randall said he took the belaying pin to defend himself with, and after evidence was heard on both sides the case was dismissed.

HOME papers give particulars for an application which was made to the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland and Mr. Justice Lawson for a *mandamus* to compel Mr. O'Donel, Chief Police Magistrate, to hear evidence showing that the seditious libel in *United Ireland*, for which Mr. O'Brien was prosecuted, was true. The Chief Justice said that it would be anomalous and unreasonable to direct the magistrate to hear evidence which would be inadmissible at the trial. Mr. Justice Lawson said that the court was gravely asked for a *mandamus* requiring the magistrates to receive evidence to prove that it was for the public benefit that a libel should be published with the intention of bringing the Government and the administration of the law into hatred and contempt. A more unfounded application had never been made to any court of justice.

SAYS the *Sportsman*:—Therap over the knuckles administered to the proprietors of the Criterion Restaurant at the Middlesex Licensing Sessions will not be without good effect in other quarters. Before the license was renewed the applicant had to sign the following agreement:—"That all well-behaved non-commissioned officers of her Majesty's army shall be admitted during licensed hours to any part of the building which is open to the rest of the public, and if in consequence of circumstances peculiar to the Criterion it is found inconvenient to accommodate private soldiers at the bar or buffet they shall be served with refreshments in other parts of the building." Why it should be found "inconvenient" to serve soldiers bearing her Majesty's uniform we quite fail to see. The fact of putting on the scarlet coat assuredly should not be a bar to a man getting something to drink when he is thirsty. It is, in fact, of snubbing which tends to make the service hateful to well-conducted and respectable men. When we require our soldiers to fight we cheer them and treat them as heroes. When they come home again we publicly snub them as though they were sewer scrapers—and begrudge them their glass of bitter. And yet we expect the rising generation to flock to the standard! What hypocrites we are.

THE eldest son of the Claimant has written the following letter to the Home Secretary:—"Bedford Hotel, Portsmouth, Jan. 3, 1883.—Right Hon. Sir,—I have just seen my father, who is 54 years old to-day. He looks very well, and, considering his position, is better than I expected to find him. He has now been in prison nearly nine years, and to-day is the first time I have seen him since his conviction. I cannot express in words my gratitude for allowing my brother and myself the great favour of seeing my dear father again, and I do sincerely hope that as he has already suffered so much in convict prisons you will use your influence to grant his early discharge, especially as I and my brother and two sisters need a father's attention and advice. Awaiting your reply, I am, yours truly, R. C. D. Tichborne.—The Right Hon. Sir William V. Hartcourt, M.P., her Majesty's Secretary for the Home Department." The following reply has been received:—"Whitehall, 10th January, 1883.—Sir,—The Secretary of State for the Home Department having carefully considered your application in behalf of Thomas Castro or Arthur Orton, I am directed to express to you his regret that he is unable to discover any sufficient grounds to justify him consistently with his public duty in advising her Majesty to interfere in this case.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. F. O. Liddell.—Mr. R. C. D. Tichborne, Bedford Hotel, Landport, Portsmouth."

THE *Army and Navy Gazette* says:—The Admiralty have this week been requested by a Naval officer to remove his name from the Retired List of the Royal Navy, on the ground that, now that espionage has been introduced under Admiralty patronage, it is no longer an honour for a gentleman to be in any way associated with the service. It appears that this officer was once severely reprimanded for having forwarded a letter to his Commander-in-Chief which his own commanding officer had declined to forward, and that the Admiralty further visited brought about the exposure of the fact that his commanding officer had falsified certain public documents, this necessitating his being superseded in the command of the ship. The Admiralty ordered the junior home, muting him in pay, allowances, and full-pay leave on his arrival in England. Their Lordships informed him that this was done because they were highly displeased with his conduct in forcing them to censure his commanding officer. Now that the Admiralty have promoted Corporal Hadden for sending them an anonymous letter instead of making a straightforward report, the officer in question, in requesting the Admiralty to remove his name from the retired List of his rank, remarks, after pointing out that two of the present Lords were at the Admiralty when the decision in his case was arrived at, that he does not for a moment suppose their Lordships would then have urged that anonymous letters, sent in a manner entirely at variance with the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, constituted a better means of reporting a commanding officer of one more in consonance with their own views, and the traditions of the Navy, than the course he adopted, namely, the one laid down in the Queen's Regulations. Then there are the cases of Captain Rising, Lieutenant Noel, and a host of others, which have evidently been wrongly adjudicated upon, if their Lordships' decision in the Clyde case is right; and even if that is wrong, it does not follow that the decision arrived at by the Admiralty in the other cases is a just one.

THE stinging tree of Queensland, Australia, is a shrub growing from two inches to fifteen feet in height, and though pleasant to the eye, it emits a disagreeable smell, and causes excruciating pain for months to any one who is unfortunate enough to be stung by it. There is no mark, but the part affected is tender in rainy weather, or when wetted. Dogs and horses have sometimes to be shot after being stung by it.

A SERVANT named Sin Achi, in the employment of Dr. Marques, was charged before Capt. Thomsett this morning with obtaining money under false pretences from the Government Civil Hospital compounder. It appears the wily Celestial prevailed on Mr. U. da Silva, steward at the Hospital, to write him orders for sums of money on different occasions, representing that they were for the purpose of paying the shopman, and with Dr. Marques' consent. This Dr. Marques said was not the case, and the prisoner admitted having no authority to obtain the money. Captain Thomsett did not look with favorable eyes on Sin Achi's method of raising the wind, consequently the servant has retired into private life for the space of six weeks.

THE Varna correspondent of the *Daily News* wires on the 18th ult. as follows:—The mail from Constantinople reports that a serious quarrel occurred on Saturday evening at the Palace between the Albanians of the Body Guard and the Yemen Regiment of Arab negroes. It seems that a feud had long existed between the commandants of these battalions in which their men took part with extreme bitterness. Hitherto this had been confined to wordy bickerings, but at length a trifling provocation, the real and immediate origin of which is said, however, to have been traced to the house of certain women of ill-fame. Be this as it may, an Albanian soldier was about to light a cigarette from a lantern, when an Arab on sentry cried "Yasak" (forbidden). The Albanian ridiculed the order, and proceeded to use the lantern, when the negro ran at him with his bayonet. The Albanian instantly drew his weapon, comrades rushed up on both sides and a fight began, which threatened to assume very large proportions. The Sultan was at once informed, and Osman Pacha was sent with troops to the spot, and reinforcements were called up by night signals from Pera and Beşiktaş. They succeeded in separating the combatants, but not until some thirty had been killed and wounded. Efforts are being made to represent the matter as a mere brother dispute, in which three men were slightly injured, but the facts are, I believe, as I state them. I am informed that the Sultan was much alarmed, and that the shrieks of the ladies of the Palace were heard at the adjacent village. The importance of the affair lies in the evidence it affords of the national hatreds and jealousies which the bonds of a common religion cannot allay even at a time when Islam is straining its eyes for the appearance of the New Prophet. This occurrence has increased the uneasiness at Yildiz Kiosk, where further extraordinary precautions had already been adopted, amongst others that of brilliantly illuminating by gas the whole of the extensive Palace grounds, a measure which has almost deprived Pera of its street lighting, to the intense gratification of the criminal classes.

## MEETING OF THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

A meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company was held to-day at 12.30 at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., when there were present:—Mr. F. B. Johnson, (Chairman) Messrs. Bottomley, Reiners, Jackson, J. H. dos Remedios (consulting committee), Wickings, Polishwalla, Tata, D. Ruttonjee, A. Coxon, Dr. Adams, G. C. Cox, and E. F. Alford, Secretary. After the notice convening the meeting had been read by the secretary, Mr. Johnson said:—Gentlemen, in laying on the table the report of the general managers and consulting committee, I have little to say beyond what is therein contained. The Company has had great immunity from loss in the past, and has been exceptionally fortunate; however, we cannot reasonably expect the business to go on without incurring a fair share of losses. The business done in 1882 was \$400,000 more than in 1881; but with the increase of business came increase of risk and increased liability. The dividend this year per share was \$60, being 85 more than last year's dividend. Up to the present time the only loss the Company has sustained this year is a loss in Shinghal of tael 495. As the shareholders would notice, the report alludes to a depreciation on property held by the Company, which had been provided for by placing the sum of \$20,000 to debit of Reserve fund to meet any possible loss. The property had been valued at a very low rate, and the consulting committee were of opinion that the ultimate loss would not be so much as was at first anticipated.

Before putting the report and balance sheet to the meeting, the Chairman invited the shareholders to ask any questions, which he would be glad to answer.

No questions being put, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Bottomley that the printed report and balance sheet be adopted and passed.

The proposition was carried unanimously. Mr. Wickings proposed, and Mr. Coxon seconded, that the members of the consulting committee be re-elected, and this proposition was also carried. Mr. Tata proposed, and Dr. Adams seconded, that Messrs. A. Coxon, and G. C. Noble, be re-elected as auditors, which was carried.

The Chairman, then said:—Before separating I desire to bring to your notice a suggestion which appeared anonymously in the local press relating to the affairs of the Company. The writer first showed that the shares which were originally worth \$200 per share, were now worth \$120, and afterwards argued that the Company would be benefited by the report and balance sheet being put to the shareholders, and that the shareholders should be asked to vote for the re-election of the consulting committee, and he would like to take the sense of the meeting on the matter, so that the general managers could take steps at an early date and bring it before the shareholders at an extraordinary meeting. He would be very glad to hear what any shareholder had to say on the question.

## MEETING OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

A numerously attended meeting of the shareholders in the above named Corporation was held this afternoon at the City Hall to receive the thirty-fifth report of the Court of Directors.

After Mr. Jackson had read the notice convening the meeting, Mr. Dalrymple, the Chairman of the Court of Directors, said:—

Gentlemen,—The Report we have presented to you, together with the statement of accounts attached, evidence that the highly satisfactory position of the Bank, and in meeting you to-day the Directors can only express the very great pleasure it affords them to come before you with such a solid record of prosperity.

The result as regards the past half year in particular is, in the annals of this institution unprecedented, and the continued confidence which the public entertain in the Bank is proved by the marked increase in the deposits which have now reached the very considerable total of forty and a half millions of dollars. The growth of the general business of the Bank is steadily progressive as shown by the figures under the head of Bills discounted, and the result to the Shareholders, as set forth by the amount at the Credit of Profit and Loss account, must be looked upon as very gratifying.

We have at length arrived at what was the goal of our ambition in the accumulating of our Reserve Fund to the handsome figure of 25 lakhs of dollars, and your Directors take this opportunity to congratulate the Proprietors on the substantial position such a fund places them in before the Banking and Mercantile world.

I will now allude as briefly as possible to one or two special matters connected with the Bank which I think it well to touch upon at this date.

Firstly, then, we would whilst reviewing the figures in the statement of accounts refer to the item under the head of Government Securities. You may remember that at this time, two years ago allusion was made to the intention of the Court to gradually invest some \$250,000 in Government Stocks. At the end of 1880, the sum appearing under this head in the accounts amounted to about \$125,000, whilst you will notice that this amount now figures for \$650,000, thus the decision arrived at two years ago has been carried into effect. I have already alluded to the items under the head of Bills Discounted and Receivable, and may now pass on to the amount standing against Bank Premises. At this date last year this amount stood at \$275,000, and you now see the sum increased to \$347,000; this is explained by the purchase of the St. John's Place property here as residences for your staff and for managers, and a small residential property at Singapore, both of which came into the market, and were secured at a very moderate outlay.

At the half yearly meeting in August last, I informed you that the Directors were contemplating the rebuilding of the present Banking Premises, and I am now able to tell you that plans and tenders have been received and that the building will shortly be commenced. From the drawings and estimates which have been sent in the Directors have, after long and very careful consideration and consultation, selected one design which will, in their opinion, meet the wants of the Institution for many years to come, and I may here mention that the total cost of the building will amount to some three lakhs of dollars. The outlay is of course a heavy one, but looking to the future and to the increasing business of the Bank we feel sure that the Shareholders will agree with us that the time had arrived for the carrying out of an undertaking which must, sooner or later, have become an absolute necessity.

To meet this expenditure for the erection of new premises, the building of which will extend over probably two and half years, the Directors hope to set aside from time to time some portion of the profits so that when completed the amount at the debit of the Reserve Fund will not be much, if at all, in excess of the present sum. We have already commenced this provision by writing off, under this head, on 31st December last, the sum of \$60,000, and your Directors have every confidence that their action herein will meet with your approval. Coming now to the Profit and Loss account, the first matter for notice is the augmentation of the Reserve Fund, by writing off to this account \$150,000 out of the profits of the half year.

Another very important step in the opinion of the Court is the creation of a Special Fund for the equalization of future dividends. The Directors are all agreed upon the very decided importance of such provision in view of the increased capital which during the current year will have been subscribed, and we trust that you will concur in this view when I come to propose the adoption of the Report and accounts.

Having now reviewed the various items connected with the distribution of the profits of the half year, I have but one other matter to bring forward, and that in connection with the attainment of the object of our endeavours—the accumulation to reserve fund of \$5,000,000. Your Directors have much pleasure in recognition of the general ability and zeal of the Bank's employees, in voting them a bonus of ten per cent. on their salaries for 1882. The occasion appears a fitting one in this case, so to speak, "a Jubilee year," and I feel sure there is not a shareholder of the Bank who will not heartily endorse the vote of the Court of Directors.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I have only to say that the affairs of the Bank are, in every way satisfactory, and that I think we may with good cause look forward hopefully to a continuance of prosperity in the year now entered upon, and which I am pleased to state has commenced well.

I shall be happy to answer any questions which any Shareholder may have to put in connection with the business of the Bank.

No question being put the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. Mr. W. H. Ray seconded, which was carried.

The proposition was carried unanimously. Mr. Reiners proposed, and Mr. Edmund Sharp seconded, that the retiring Directors be re-elected, which was also carried.

On the proposal of Mr. F. D. Sassoon, seconded by Mr. M. Grote, the retiring auditors were unanimously re-elected. Mr. J. H. Nelson, at great length proposed a vote of thanks to the Directors, Chief Manager, and Officers of the Bank for the eminently successful management which they had conducted their business during the year. The Chairman, Mr. Dalrymple, informed the meeting that Mr. Dalrymple would be ready to answer any questions which might be put to him, and he concluded the meeting.



## NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The French mail steamer *Iraqaddy*, Captain Pasqualini, with the London mails of the 19th ulto, arrived in harbour this morning. We take the opportunity of general intelligence from the *London and China Express* of January 19th—

The *Esprit*, a composite gunboat, 455 tons, 470-horse power, was commissioned at Devonport, on the 11th inst., by Lieut. Com. Gambie, bearing a complement of sixty officers and men for the China station.

The *Iron Duke*, Captain H. C. St. John, recently flagship on the China Station, arrived at Aden on the 14th inst., and left that port for Suez next day, homeward bound.

Lieutenant Hasenclever, of the Imperial German Navy, has been granted leave of absence for one year, in order, at the request of the Chinese Government, to undertake the duties of Instructor of the Chinese Navy.

The *Stork*, double screw composite gun-vessel, has taken in War Department stores, together with a supply of powder and ammunition, and is now making final preparations for her departure for the China Station to relieve the *Moorehead*.

Captain Samuel Philip Townsend, R.N., the recipient of the vacant good-service pension, served in the Crimean campaign. He commanded the *Arcturion* sloop on the China Station from February, 1882, until his promotion in April of the same year.

A distinguished service reward has been conferred upon Major-General W. V. Barry C.B., R.A., who entered the Royal Artillery in India in 1857, and went with the expedition to China in 1860, being present at Sihko, Tangku, capture of Taku Forts, actions near Tungchow, and surrender of Peking. He has received the China medal with two clasps. A similar reward has been bestowed upon Major-General de Montmorency, who passed his entire regimental service in the late 59th Foot, from which he retired in 1878, and has the medal and clasp for service in the first phase of our last war with China, including the capture of Canton.

The first of the Chinese gunboats built at Stettin—the *Ting Yuen*—is to proceed to China early in the spring. She will ship her 12 and 94-inch Krupp guns at Kiel, and be placed under the command of a captain of the Imperial German Navy. Her crew will consist of eight officers and 420 men—all of the German navy—who are to relieve the crews of the German men-of-war on the China station. The voyage of the *Ting Yuen* (says the *Army and Navy Gazette*) will be watched with great interest by German naval men, as opinions differ greatly as to the amount of seaworthiness she possesses. The Chinese vessel is very similar in construction to the German ironclads of the *Sachsen* class, which have been found to pitch bow under, even in a moderate sea.

The report of the Eastern Telegraph Company (Limited) has been issued for the six months ended September 30th. It states that the gross revenue amounted to £341,151, and the total available balance, after deducting ordinary expenses, repairs, &c., to £244,278. Allowing for debenture and preference interest, a sum of £170,856 is left out of which two interim dividends, with a bonus of 1s. per share, have been paid, and £56,838 is carried forward. The directors have made a contract with the Telegraph Construction Company for a third cable between Suez and Aden, the cost of which and of the line laid between Alexandria and Suez, amounting in all to £320,000, will mostly be taken from the Reserve Fund.

Captain William Arthur, C.B., who has been appointed naval aide-de-camp to the Queen, was born in 1830 and entered the Navy in 1845. He commanded the *Drake*, gunboat, at the taking of Canton at the end of 1857, and also the *Albatross*, *Nimrod*, and *Cornwallis* successively during the whole of the operations in China, extending from the capture of Canton in 1857 to the capture of Peking in 1860, and for which services he was honourably mentioned in despatches, and received the thanks of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. In 1860 he was actively engaged in the capture of Taku Forts and Tientsin, receiving from the Imperial Government of China the gold medal, and for service as acting commander of a piratical fleet of six vessels, mounting forty European guns; in December, 1860, he was promoted to the rank of commander, and received the thanks of the Admiralty.

Captain George John Austruther, R.N., who has been selected to re-commission the *Curacao* in the China Squadron, has long previous acquaintance with the Chinese seas, where he passed the first four years of his service. He obtained a cadetship in June, 1856, and was almost immediately appointed to the *Magdalen*, frigate, then in course of commission at Portsmouth. In her he sailed for the Mediterranean, and thence to the Pacific, proceeding finally to China, where he saw sharp service at the Peking Forts and in other engagements. He was appointed to the *Leopard*, Captain Leake, in October, 1862. As lieutenant of that ship he renewed his acquaintance with China, and saw service in Japanese waters, taking part in the engagement with the batteries at Suwon-Kei. He returned home from China in 1866. As a midshipman he gained the silver medal of the Royal Humane Society for his gallantry in saving the life of a seaman who had jumped overboard during an engagement with the Chinese.

The steamer *Jonie*, the first of two important additions to the White Star fleet, has been launched from the yard of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast. Her general appearance embraces all the symmetrical characteristics of the well-known vessels of the line; having a graceful, yacht-like hull, with ample beam, four masts, square rigged on three, thus providing effective sail power in the event of any breakdown of the machinery. The accommodation for saloon passengers will be of the most unique and perfect description. It is situated amidships, immediately forward of the engines and boilers, in the quietest and best part of the ship. The saloon, or dining-room, is approached by a very handsome entrance hall from the upper deck, panelled with walnut and maple, and from it there is access to the cabin deck, already alluded to, by an easy double staircase with bronze and mahogany balustrading. The provisions against fire are most complete, and an outbreak in any section of the ship can at once be brought into subjection through the agency of both steam and water. The life-saving appliances are also of the most approved order. The *Jonie* is built of mild steel, the ductile quality of which assures the maximum of strength and durability. Her dimensions are—Length, 440 feet; breadth, 44 feet; depth, 34 feet; and the gross register tonnage about 5,000 tons. She has two double cylinder engines of 100-horse power, also built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, the steam for which is from three elliptical boilers, working at an initial pressure of 60 lbs. to the square inch, but tested to double that pressure. She is steered amidships by steam, and has, in addition to the approved ordinary compasses and sounding appliances, Sir William Thompson's patent compasses and sounding machine. The *Jonie* is slated ship to the *Jonie* in all respects, will be launched in February.

## AN ENGLISH WRITER ON AMERICAN ETIQUETTE.

Many of the best American women who have travelled much in Europe, avoid fashionable society in their own country, because of the uncertainty of its code of manners. An American gentleman called upon a distinguished French general in Paris, more than twice his age. To his amazement the call was returned the same day. In his own country no notice at all would most probably have been taken of a similar visit.

There seems a strange contrast in the Washington and New York rules of etiquette. In the Empire city it is the lady who bows first, not so in Washington, or in the exclusive circles of the oldest families, and men who feel secure of their position in society—so at least says an authority on American manners. Among these the French custom obtains which ordains the bow to be given at the instant of recognition, without hesitation. There is also between these several sections of American society, a yet unsettled controversy as to which is the proper arm to give a lady. New York stands alone in decreeing the right as the most respectful. The left arm, she says, is "too tender"; but New York is not regarded as the ultimate authority on matters of etiquette.

Another knotty point among the rival communities is the order to be observed in escorting a lady down stairs, supposing the stairs to be too narrow for two to go abreast. New York says it is a matter of etiquette that every one descends a man-of-war before the commander; but if a gentleman goes first it may be better, is the considerate provision, as the lady may have large feet, or thick ankles, or "some other reason" for wishing to protect her lower extremities from observation. Washington decrees that the lady takes precedence, the gentleman following close behind to guard her from misadventure.

In New York it is not "the thing" for a lady to say "thank you" for small courtesies, such as passing change in an omnibus, restoring fallen umbrellas, &c.; only a smile is allowable. There has been a difference of opinion, too, on the use of capital letters for P. C. on visiting cards and R. S. V. P. on cards of invitation. Since the time of the Romans large letters have been used for abbreviations, but America now uses small letters, an innovation distasteful to European eyes. There, too, it was rigid etiquette—as, indeed, it is until quite late years in this country also—to send invitations and answer by hand; now, if at any distance, the medium of the post is permissible. In England the formula of introductions is severely simple:—"Mr. Brown—Mrs. Smith," that is all. Mr. Brown may be Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mrs. Smith the wife of the Archbishop of York, but these facts are not named. In America etiquette requires dignities and official status to be particularized, as "the Rev. Mr. or Dr. Blank, or the Hon. Governor Dash," adding the name of the State he governs. "A member of Congress, the fact must be added; if an author, require the names of his principal works must be stated."

It is customary in America for a lady to be accompanied to a ball by a gentleman as an escort. His duty is to see that she is provided with partners and refreshments, and to look after her generally. He carries, indeed, under his arm, her bouquet, and attends her on her return home. A young English nobleman on his first visit to Washington called on a prominent member of society, and tendered letters of introduction. The lady received him frankly, and introduced to him her three daughters. A ball coming off the same evening, she offered to procure him an invitation. On his accepting she desired him to choose one of her daughters as a companion for the entertainment. He did so. It was then arranged that he should call for the young lady in a carriage of his own providing, and bring the usual bouquet, which he did. At the conclusion of the ball he accompanied his charge home. The rest of the family had retired for the night, but servants were in waiting, and his fair companion pressed him to enter and join her in a cup of coffee. Not a little surprised, the gentleman assented, and spent a pleasant hour in the drawing-room alone with his entertainer, discussing the dances he had enjoyed in her society. Republican independence of manners, perhaps, but innocent without. "He was a gentleman," said the mother afterward, "accredited to me by mutual friends, and I knew that my daughter could take care of herself." This incident was no outrage on American etiquette. In America it is the custom for the young ladies of the family to give the balls, and it is not at all necessary that you should be introduced to their parents.

Courtesy to women is a noticeable feature of American society, yet a writer in the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin* has uttered the heresy that the man who has not traveled has seen a woman. What may be termed "knife and fork" etiquette in refined circles of American society differs little from our own at the present time; but not so very long ago, instead of the finger-glasses, now in general use, a large silver bowl used to be handed round for general ablution. At the time Thackeray visited America, things were a degree rougher. "I saw," said the satirist, "five Americans at a time with their knives down their throats. I said to my daughter: 'My dear, your great-grand-mother, the finest old lady I ever knew, also applied knives to her throat, but I wish five at a time wouldn't.'"—*All the Year Round*.

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & Co.'s Register.)

YESTERDAY.

Barometer—P.M. 30.34

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## THE FATE OF PASSANANTE.

Passanante, who gained notoriety by attempting to assassinate the King of Italy, is chained to the wall in the prison of Porto Ferraro. No jail is more dreaded by the convicts than this of Elba; nowhere is the chance of escape more hopeless. He is chained to the wall, and in the courtyard below him hears the prisoners at work—the hammer of the carpenters, the bellows of the blacksmiths. He is chained to the wall, and just four years ago he was waiting in the streets of Naples to see King Humbert enter the town with his Queen and his Prime Minister beside him. Just four years ago, wrapping a strip of red cloth about his knife, he leaped upon the carriage, and, as the King's carriage moved forward, he struck the King with the knife, and the King fell. He is chained to the wall, and just four years ago he was waiting in the streets of Naples to see King Humbert enter the town with his Queen and his Prime Minister beside him. 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## Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Noon.  
There is nothing of special importance in share business to chronicle this morning. Banks are still in good demand, with buyers at 204, but so far as we can learn, no transfers have been effected since we last wrote. Hongkong Fires are again placed at 1250. China Sugar stock is inquired after at 209.

4 o'clock p.m.  
Since noon a fair business has been put through in Banks at 205 per cent. premium, *cum* new issue, the stock closing firm with buyers at the rate. On time a few transfers have been booked at 210 for April 30th. Hongkong Fires are again on offer at 1250, but no sales have been reported. Docks are rather firmer than has been the case for some time past, with buyers at 52 per cent. premium. Hotels are in good demand at 135. In Sugar stocks Chinas have been dealt in at 210, and are wanted at the price, whilst Luzons are in much better odour with buyers at 103.

SHARERS.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue 66 per cent. premium, buyers.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue 154 per cent. premium—nominal.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,850 per share, buyers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,650 per share, buyers.  
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,225 per share.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$135 per share.  
Yankee Insurance Association—Tls. 880 per share, buyers.  
China Insurance Company—\$215 per share, buyers.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 175 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,250 per share, buyers.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$335 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—52 per cent. premium, buyers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$30 per share, buyers.  
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—115 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$135 per share, buyers.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—10 per cent. dis., buyers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$210 per share, sales and buyers.  
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.  
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$103 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$170 per share, ex div. sellers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 per cent. prem. ex. int.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—24 per cent. prem.

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ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 73  
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EXPORT CARGO.  
Per *Anadyr*, str., for Canton—822 bales Silk, 236 bales Waste Silk, 12 cases Silks, 1 case Silk, 8 bales Cocoons, 22 cases Pongees, 100 packages Tea, and 110 packages Sundries. For London—51 bales Silk, 45 Waste Silk, 16 cases Persian Opium, 2 cases Tea, and 3 packages Sundries.

OPIMUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.  
NEW MALWA.....per picul, \$530  
(Allowance, Tails 64.)  
OLD MALWA.....per picul, \$555  
(Allowance, Tails 24.)  
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, \$567 1/2  
NEW PATNA (second) per chest, \$557 1/2  
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest, \$562 1/2  
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NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest, \$580  
OLD BENARES.....per chest, \$562 1/2  
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## Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

IRAOUADY, French steamer, 3,765, Pasqualini, 26th Feb.—Marseilles 21st January, Naples 23rd, Port Said 27th, Suez 31st, Aden 5th February, Colombo 12th, Singapore 19th, and Saigon 22nd, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

HOU-TUNG-HUNG, Chinese gunboat, 26th Feb.—from Canton.

DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, R. F. Cullen, 27th Feb.—Manila 24th February, General—Russell & Co.

ASIA, German 3-m. sch., 380, Haack, 27th Feb.—Singapore 13th Feb., Wood—Wiel & Co.

HAINAN, British steamer, 290, Connor, 27th Feb.—Haiphong 22nd Feb., and Hoihow 24th, General—Alford.

EL DIABLO, British steamer, 889, W. O. M. Young, 27th Feb.—Canton 26th February, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.  
Dayswater, British steamer, for Singapore.  
Vorwerts, Austro-Hungarian str., for Singapore.

Camorita, Dutch steamer, for Saigon.  
El Dorado, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
Hailong, British steamer, for Amoy.  
James, Pendleton, American bark, for San Francisco.

DEPARTURES.  
February 26, *Fu-yew*, Chinese str., for Canton.  
February 27, *Anadyr*, French steamer, for Saigon and Marseilles.

February 27, *Vorwerts*, Austro-Hungarian str., for Straits and Bombay.  
February 27, *Ningbo*, British str., for Shanghai.  
February 27, *Camorita*, Dutch steamer, for Penang.

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February 27, *Himalaya*, British str., for Singapore, &c.  
February 27, *Hailong*, British str., for Amoy.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.  
Per *Diamante*, str., from Manila—Dr. Miller and 2 servants, and 104 Chinese.  
Per *Hainan*, str., from Haiphong, &c.—50 Chinese.

Per *Irakoudy*, str., from Marseilles—Messrs. Wilson, May, Robert, Fraron, Michelson, Spence, and 1 Chinese, for Hongkong. From Naples—Mr. S. Barfi. From Singapore—Messrs. James West, Kong O. Seng, and 1 child. From Saigon—Rev. Renier, Messrs. Collis, Langdon, 37 Chinese. For Shanghai—Mrs. Van Corbick and 1 child, Mrs. Couits and daughter, Mrs. Orion, Mrs. Gould and 3 children, Messrs. Loup, Williams, Paternaci, and Vallin, from Marseilles. From Port Said—Mr. Valleroi. For Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. Hermann and 3 children, Messrs. Bonner and Digron, from Marseilles. From Singapore—Mr. J. Meldrum. From Saigon—Mr. Mingard.

DEPARTED.  
Per *Anadyr*, str., for Saigon—Dr. Miller, Messrs. Delmiring, Balfour and servant, 8 French sailors, and 2 Chinese on deck, from Hongkong. For Singapore—Mr. A. M. Placé and Chinese assistant. For Colombo—Mr. Mohamed, For Marseilles—Mr. and Mrs. Petrovich, Messrs. Anigah, MacLachlan, Bland, Soranow, W. Durr, and 1 Chinese, from Yokohama. Messrs. H. Kunkel, Tanan, and Quinio.

Per *Vorwerts*, str., for Singapore—130 Chinese. For Trieste—Rev. Dr. Eitel and family.

REPORTS.  
The British steamship *Diamante* reports left Manila on the 24th instant. Had light variable winds up to 16 N. latitude. From thence to port had moderate monsoon with high sea and overcast weather.

The British steamship *Hainan* reports left Haiphong on the 22nd instant, and Hoihow on the 24th. The first part had moderate breeze and fine weather, and the latter part had strong monsoon and thick cloudy weather.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.  
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10, Chung-king, British str., from Hongkong.  
10, Ningpo, British steamer, from Hongkong.  
10, Hiroshima Maru, Japan, str., from Japan.  
10, Kametaka, Russian str., from Kaitaku.  
10, Baikal, Russian steamer, from Nagasaki.  
10, Sea Swallow, Brit. bark, from Foochow.  
10, Omega, British bark, put back.  
10, Sual, British steamer, from Hankow.  
10, Hsiao-shan, Chinese steamer, from Ningpo.  
10, Wuchang, British steamer, from Ningpo.  
11, Tyre, British steamer, from Nagasaki.  
11, Kolga, British bark, from Foochow.  
11, Benalder, British steamer, from London.

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6, Omega, British bark, for Nagasaki.  
6, Hesperia, German str., for Kuchino.  
6, Fu-yew, Chinese steamer, for Hongkong.  
6, Chinkiang, British str., for Hongkong.  
6, Vorwerts, German str., for Hongkong.  
6, Lustania, German steamer, for Nagasaki.  
6, Nagoya Maru, Japan, steamer, for Japan.  
6, Newchwang, British str., for Swatow.  
6, Gervase, British steamer, for Kuchino.  
6, Agamemnon, British steamer, for London.  
6, Crested, Maru, steamer, for Nagasaki.  
6, Pelham, British brig, for Kobe.  
6, Hilda, British bark, for